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According to KRIVCHIK, Petro of Toronto, Ont., Canada, the known "progressives" leader, as told to one of our sources in Toronto in Dec 1966, shortly after the arrests of SVIPLYCHNY and others in Lvov, and other cities, the KGB and "authorities" in Kiev asked Oles HONCHAR, head of the Union of Writers of Ukraine, to convene an extraordinary meeting of writers in Kiev and after condemning the arrested ~~to end~~ for them severe punishment.

HONCHAR convened the meeting and there were about 100 writers and poets. TROTSKI told the present what was the meeting about and stressed that he personally was against any condemnation of the arrested because this would mean a revival of old "cult of personality" practices, and no one wanted them to come back. The other speakers were also against condemnation and some demanded first an explanation of the arrest acts. Some speakers were afraid that they simply could not stand on the platform because they did not know for what reasons those to be condemned were arrested.

In a whole, the meeting did not take the stand that the KGB wanted it to, and furthermore, its familiarity off, TROTSKI gave a copy on the party top to take into consideration that had happened at this event.

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